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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1007**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Nakano**

February 20, 2003

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An act to amend and repeal Section 1601.1 of, and to repeal Section 1601.5 of, the Business and Professions Code, relating to dentistry.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1007, as amended, Nakano. Dentistry.

Existing law provides for a Dental Board of California consisting of 14 members, including 8 practicing dentists. Existing law defines a “practicing dentist” to include a faculty member of a dental college or dental department of a medical college located in the state.

This bill would revise the board membership to include ~~7 dentists in active practice and one~~ *a total of 8 dentists, 7 of whom are in active practice and one who is a full-time* faculty member of a California dental college, and would specify that a minimum of 3 of the dentists would be in the full-time practice of general dentistry, and a maximum of 3 of the dentists may be dentists who practice in a specialty accredited by the American Dental Association. The bill would make related conforming changes.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 1601.1 of the Business and Professions Code, as added by Section 2 of Chapter 625 of the Statutes of 2001, is amended to read:

1601.1. (a) There shall be in the Department of Consumer Affairs the Dental Board of California in which the administration of this chapter is vested. The board shall consist of ~~seven dentists in active practice, one full-time member of a faculty~~ *a total of eight dentists, seven of whom are in active practice and one who is a full-time member of a faculty* of a California dental college, one registered dental hygienist, one registered dental assistant, and four public members. Of the seven practicing dentists, one shall be a dentist practicing general dentistry in a nonprofit community clinic. Of the remaining six practicing dentists, a minimum of three shall be in the full-time practice of general dentistry, and a maximum of three may be dentists who practice in any specialty accredited by the American Dental Association. The appointing powers, described in Section 1603, may appoint to the board a person who was a member of the prior board. The board shall be organized into standing committees dealing with examinations, enforcement, and other subjects as the board deems appropriate.

(b) For purposes of this chapter, any reference in this chapter to the Board of Dental Examiners shall be deemed to refer to the Dental Board of California.

(c) The board shall have all authority previously vested in the existing board under this chapter. The board may enforce all disciplinary actions undertaken by the previous board.

(d) This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2004, and, as of January 1, 2005, is repealed, unless a later enacted statute that is enacted before January 1, 2005, deletes or extends the dates on which it becomes inoperative and is repealed. The repeal of this section renders the board subject to the review required by Division 1.2 (commencing with Section 473).

SEC. 2. Section 1601.1 of the Business and Professions Code, as added by Section 2.5 of Chapter 532 of the Statutes of 2001, is repealed.

1     SEC. 3.   Section 1601.5 of the Business and Professions Code  
2     is repealed.

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